

What is the IRC?

The Information Resource Center (IRC) is the Embassy's research and reference service. It offers users a sophisticated collection of non-circulating books, videos and other materials on topics such as:

- U.S. politics, government and laws
- U.S. foreign policies, international relations and defense
- U.S. society, arts, culture and values
- U.S. and international economics, trade and business
- Civil society, human rights, media freedom and democratization
- Environmental and global issues

The reference collection exceeds 1,500 volumes. The IRC also has copies of leading American and Western newspapers and magazines in electronic or print formats.

The IRC can advise visitors about how to best utilize these resources to find authoritative, up-to-date information.

Who can use the IRC?

IRC services are primarily available to Uzbek government officials, NGO representatives, journalists, academics, librarians, graduate students and alumni of U.S. government exchange programs. Visitors can access the IRC's databases and use the Internet at IRC guest computers. *All services are free.*

Do you accept reference requests?

Yes. If you have a specific question about a topic related to the United States, you may send it to the IRC via fax, e-mail or phone. The IRC makes every effort to respond as quickly as possible.

What are the working hours?

The IRC is open to the public, and visitors are able to use the facility on an appointment only basis, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 17:00, and Wednesday from 14:00 to 17:00.

How do I contact the IRC?

For reference requests and appointments, please contact the IRC at:

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